

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

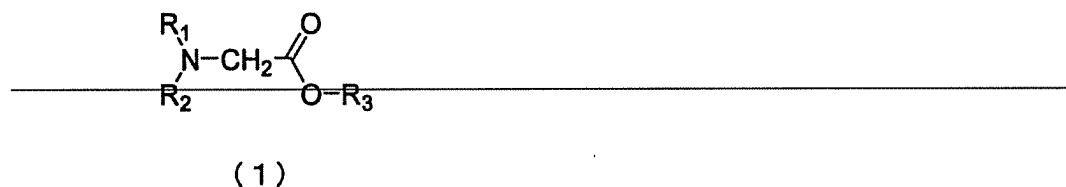
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method of shrinking a skin pore ~~or inhibiting parakeratosis~~ comprising:

using glycylglycine in order to shrink the skin pore ~~a glycine derivative~~
represented by general formula (1):



~~(In general formula (1), each of R₁ and R₂ independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aminomethylcarbonyl group, or an aralkyl carbonyl group; and R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, or an aralkyl group. However, R₁, R₂, and R₃ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms).~~

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled).
32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, comprising applying an effective amount of the glycylglycine ~~glycine derivative represented by general formula (1)~~ to an external surface of skin.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32 , comprising forming a skin preparation comprising the effective amount of the glycylglycine ~~glycine derivative represented by general formula (1)~~ and applying the skin preparation to an external surface of skin.
34. (Cancelled).